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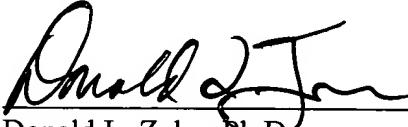
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application: Response to Restriction Requirement and return postcard.
2. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on March 1, 2004.

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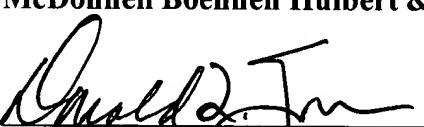
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JANUARY 29, 2004**

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-8, 10, 11, 43-45, 57, and 58, which the Action states are drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 and variants thereof, vectors, host cells, and methods of producing the polypeptide, and which the Action designates as the invention of Group I.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Roark believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

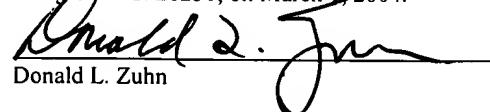
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